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Mission Statement

***Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share Jesus.***

Reformation Day

Welcome

While 2017 was the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our celebrations continue into the 501st year since Martin Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses on the practice of indulgences. The Reformation is a celebration of freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This can particularly be found in today's Epistle from Romans 3. In a marvelous, great exchange, Christ takes our unrighteousness and gives us His righteousness. Even though we all sin and fall short of the glory of God, we are justified by God's grace, as a gift. We celebrate God's love and activity on our behalf to save us.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!

PRELUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

- Bach/Near

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

{Jesus bids us peace as He did to his disciples after His resurrection. John 20:21}

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

{We begin by singing to God about all He has done for us.}

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar* +

❖ **HYMN**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

LSB 656

{We call upon God's presence and remember our baptism in His name.}

❖ **INVOCATION**

P *In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

{We bare our souls before the Lord, admitting our sins and accepting responsibility for the harm they have caused in our relationship with God and with each other.

Romans 3:23, 1 John 1:8-9}

❖ **CONFESSION** *Confession, Small Catechism; Romans 3:22b–24*

P *Confession has two parts.*

C **First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

P *Let us confess our sins to God our Father.*

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have placed other gods before You. We have failed to fear, love, and trust in You above all things. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

{It is God who speaks through the Pastor to apply the forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross. John 20:23}

❖ **FORGIVENESS**

P *For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**


{With thanksgiving because God has had mercy in sending Christ to save us, our hearts burst forth in singing.}

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE** *All Glory Be to God on High*


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1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



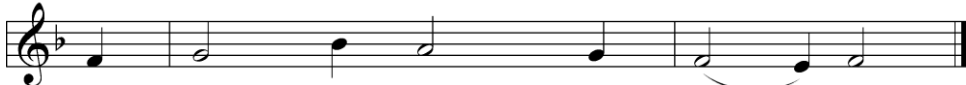
fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to -
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:



All strife at last has end - ed.
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

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{The Pastor and the people greet each other the way the angel greeted Mary at her annunciation. Ruth 2:4, Luke 1:28}

❖ SALUTATION

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

{This prayer is called a “collect” because it collects the themes of the lessons and puts them into prayer form.}

❖ THE COLLECT

P *Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

{We inherited from the Old Testament Church the idea of a pattern of Scripture readings for each week of the year. Jesus also kept this practice.}

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

TRINITY CHOIR

"Luther's Morning Prayer"

– Schalk

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You kept me safely through the night, and brought me to the morning light. Be with me through this day, I pray, and keep me safe from Satan's sway that all I think or do or say please only you, my Strength and Stay. Into your hands I now commend my body and soul until life's end. Your angel keep me safe from harm until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ ALLELUIA (Sing twice before the Gospel and once after)

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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{We stand for the Gospel as we would stand in the presence of Jesus. The reading is surrounded by shouts of praise to the Lord whose living voice now speaks to us.}

❖ GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

{The Hymn of the Day is chosen because its words mirror what we have just heard in the Scripture lessons.}

❖ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” LSB 555 v1,2,3,5,10

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|---|---|
| 1 Salvation unto us has come
By God’s free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer. | 3 It was a false, misleading dream
That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature. |
| 2 What God did in His Law demand
And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev’ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition. | 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God’s anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed
Which over us impended. |

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
 All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav’n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
 Your blessèd name we hallow.

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{The sermon is where God’s Word is applied to our lives. The Pastor preaches both the LAW (God’s judgment) and the GOSPEL (God’s mercy).}

SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

{Having heard God’s Word, we now take the opportunity to “confess Him before men,” as He tells us to do. We use the words of the ancient creeds, recognizing that what the church has always taught is still essential today. The Nicene Creed dates back to AD 325.}

+ Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle +

❖ **NICENE CREED**

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❖ **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- A** *The Lord of hosts is with us;*
C **the God of Jacob is our Fortress.**

{The gifts we bring symbolize the offering of ourselves to the Lord. Romans 12:1}

OFFERING

+ Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

OFFERING VOLUNTARY (6:30)

"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"

- Buxtehude

TRINITY CHOIR (9:00)

"Out from Your Throne"

– Hobby

Out from your throne, O God, there streams a great and gladdening river; through all your world it wells and teems, a loving source forever; there creatures drink and tress may grow and everything that lives may know the God of hosts is with us. Mid barren rock and weathered hill the Christ walked in those waters; immersed in you, Immanuel, gave life, O God, thereafter. Through Christ the living waters flow that everything that lives may know the God of hosts is with us. How blest the people where you dwell, alive with water flowing; your gracious river frees and fills, abundant life bestowing; there deeds of love and mercy show, that everything that lives may know the God of hosts is with us. O may that river reach and crest and make of earth a garden where birds of air may peaceful nest and leafing trees may gladden; there sweetest songs will praise your name and everything that lives proclaim the God of hosts is with us.

{Our gifts say "Thank You" to God and express our trust that He supplies all our needs.}

❖ **OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

{These words of invitation spoken back and forth between Pastor and people date back to the earliest Christians, about AD 100, and have been used continually since.}

❖ **PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

{ This hymn is Martin Luther's paraphrase of the Sanctus, the story of the prophet Isaiah's vision in the temple. The words we sing echo the voices of the angels of heaven as heard by Isaiah and of those who welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday. Isaiah 6:1-4}



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



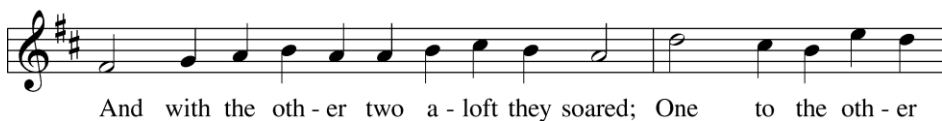
filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,



And with the oth - er two a - loft they soared; One to the oth - er



called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of



Sab - a - oth! His glo - ry fills the heav - ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels



trem - bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en - wrapped the throne on high.

*{The Words of Institution are the very words Scripture records Jesus saying in the Upper Room.
By these words He still sets apart bread and wine to be His own Body and Blood.
Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26}*

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

{This is the family prayer Jesus taught us. It is like our table grace which we pray before receiving Holy Communion. Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4}

❖ LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

{It was John who called Jesus the “Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” We use the same words of Jesus who comes to us now in His Body and Blood. John 1:29 Holy Communion implies a unity of faith. It requires that we examine our lives and reflect on what Holy Communion is and what we receive there.}

❖ **AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God*

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

{During distribution, we sing hymns of praise, expressing the joy of the Lord.}

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

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| “Amazing Grace” | LSB 744 |
| “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” | LSB 655 |

{A post-communion canticle offers a grateful song to the God who richly feeds His children. We have heard the Word of Christ and received the Body and Blood of Christ.}

❖ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

{All that remains is for us to give thanks and put His Word into practice in our lives.}

❖ **CLOSING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

{The benediction, or blessing, sends us out into the world with the good word of God's love. Numbers 6:24-26}

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C A - men.

{We leave in joy having met the Lord in His Word and Holy Supper and we accept the mission of being His witness to the world.}

+ Please stand and face the cross during the recession from the altar. +

❖ **HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644

❖ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Isaiah, Mighty Seer, In Days of Old" - Bender